Claims That He Can Cause Rainfall Whenever Needed.

Uses Guns of Peculiar Construction to Make the Henvens Shed Tears -Short Account of His Experiments.

[Special Lincoln (Neb.) Letter.] OURTEEN hours was the length of the bombardment kept up by "Rainmaker" W. F. Wright of Lincoln, Neb., in order to break the blighting drought which was fast destroying the corn crop of the state. For 20 years Mr. Wright has lived in Nebraska, studied the rain problem, evolved a theory and, at the critical moment, put it to the test, using to defray the expenses of the trial money



WRIGHT BESIDE HIS "GUNS."

lating.

For Mr. Wright belives in the "conis no such a thing as evaporation. Hydrogen and oxygen are present in the atmosphere all the time. The former gas is the lighter and keeps ascending, leaving the heavier below. To produce rain it is only necessary to mix the two gases by means of air currents, create enough electricity in

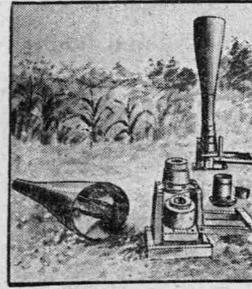
await results With this end in view he has constructed 25 mortars and in his test kept them in action for 14 hours. The "guns," as he calls them, were arranged in groups of five forming an immense circle. Each gun was fired on an average of once a minute. In the construction of the apparatus Mr. Wright spent over a thousand dollars. In addition he paid for the half ton of experiment. Neighbors in the vicinity volunteered their services in discharging the "guns."

At six o'clock in the evening the bombardment was commenced. All through the night the "guns" flashed and roared. There was a slight intermission at midnight and a lunch was served. The party ceased their efforts from pure exhaustion in the middle of the forenoon of the following

On the day following the cessation of the cannonading there was a smart shower in Lincoln, and local rains were reported from various sections of the state. Whether "Rainmaker" Wright saused it or whether the downfall of moisture resulted from purely natural causes has been hotly debated from that day to this. The "rainmaker" promptly elaimed it-in fact predicted that it would come. The local weather bureau failed to forecast the showers, but the men in charge ridiculed the claims of Mr. Wright.

The apparatus devised by Mr. Wright consists of three parts-the base, the mortar and the funnel. The base is a hollow, cone-shaped piece of iron resting on a wooden platform. In one side there is a hole which allows the gun to be fired by the application of a stick of burning punk. In the base the powder is poured, about two ounces being used for each charge. A lever at one side of the platform lowers the plank on which the base rests and thus allows the powder to be poured in. The charge is tamped with paper and immediately fired.

The mortar is simply a hollow continuation of the base grooved at the bottom to rest securely on the base



"GUNS" AFTER EXPERIMENT.

and so constructed that the funnel can

be placed on the top of it. The funnel is made out of sheet iron and resembles the horn of a huge phonograph. Inside of it, strips of sheet iron are fastened in a circular manner. These strips, Mr. Wright declares, will cause the hot air produced by the explosion of the powder to isa well defined rotary motion. The funnels are placed on top of the mortars, tied down by three strings which are fastened to stakes driven in the ground and the contrivance is ready

for action. The 25 guns Mr. Wright placed in position in a huge circle in his corn shake his hand. field. His assistants arrived and the the funnels on 12 of the guns blown Statesman. apart. After predicting a speedy rain, the flushed and perspiring inventor threw himself on a bed in his farm house and was soon fast asleep.

In a small cottage just outside the of burning with love!" stature. of nervous temperament, house."-Strav Stories.

A NEBRASKA GENIUS. | bronzed and weatherbeaten. He is about 50 years of age. For 20 years he has studied the conditions governing the precipitation of rain. Two years ago he published a book attacking the established and popularly accepted theories governing the formation of clouds and the conditions necessary to produce rain. This volume he published at his own expense and distributed it free of charge. The profits of his farm for the last ten years have been saved for the purpose of making one grand experiment to demonstrate his theory, and this he

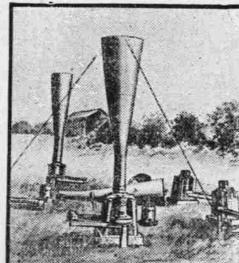
believes he has done. "It is foolishness to connect such a process as evaporation with rainfall." he declares. "It has nothing whatever to do with the precipitation of moisture. Oxygen and hydrogen o back into the atmosphere in the shape of oxygen, gradually ascends to the upper strata of the atmosphere. Oxygen remains below. To produce rain you fuse. My apparatus creates ascending air currents. These spiral motions in the air mix the hydrogen and oxygen. Concussion and friction create electricity and this causes the gases to fuse. As a result rain is produced.

"With 25 guns I can cause rain in a circle 25 miles in diameter. What is more, I can take five guns and break up a hailstorm or stop a cyclone. My experiments on clouds of the magnetic type conclusively prove this. Tornadoes and cyclones are only clouds with highly magnetic centers. By my theory you can create electricity enough to disperse these clouds. "In serving in the artillery during

swooped down on a regiment of artillery in action. I have studied on the question ever since. Ten years ago I which he had been years in accumu- formulated my theory about the value storms and have only waited for means cussion theory" of rain production. to put it to the test. I have experi-Several attempts have been made to mented on clouds of the magnetic produce a downfall of moisture in this type and now have a group of guns belt from the farm engine, and will manner, but Wright used a unique and ready for the genuine cyclone whennovel method. He declares that there ever one takes a notion to come this way and give me a fair chance."

In Lincoln Mr. Wright has aroused fully as much comment as William J. Bryan. Bitter attacks have been made upon him in the local press, which Mr. Wright occasionally undertakes to answer. At times his sanity is doubted, but on this subject he never makes rethe atmosphere to unite them and ply. For a score of years he has been advocating his theories and from the first has been locally known as the "Rainmaker."

During his experiments Mr. Wright has faithfully kept a record of his experiments. He has announced his intention of going before the next session of the legislature and asking that



COMPONENT PARTS OF "GUNS."

stations be established in all parts of rain by the concussion method. He has warm champions in all political Wright and his scheme will become a | er of Cortland county, N. Y .: local issue of no small significance in the coming political campaign.

GEORGE W. KLINE. LEGAL FEES IN SLUMPSHIRE.

New England Town Where the Lawyers Are Not Likely to Get Very Rich.

"This must be a good case you're on now to bring you way to New York," said the Broad street man, encourag-

The lawyer from Slumpshire brightened, says the New York Sun. "There's \$30 in it-on shares," said he. "A man down here owes my client that, and if he pays I get half. And

I guess he's good for it.'

"What? You come all this way on a \$30 case.

"You see, my client got kind of sick of sending bills, so he said he'd just as lief I'd come down and get it." "Oh! A matter of principle with him. He pays your expenses, of course."

"Well, no. He said he guessed it wouldn't hardly pay him to do that. He said I could take it if I liked, and he'd be satisfied with one-half if I got it. Well, y' see, the railroad runs right across the county seat-straight across the main street-and hasn't got any gates there to shut down when the train goes by. And the law is, they've got to have gates. Well, I went in and saw one of the big railroad where they have best ventilation and men, and kind of called his attention | are not allowed togetchilled. All modto that, and suggested that I didn't ern storehouses have large ventilators much care whether the road went to on the top of the building to carry off the expense of putting in gates or the damp vapors that arise, and to me a story that is worth repeating to not, but that I did care about getting | make circulation. Your inquirer can to New York for nothing. So he was keep cabbage very nicely in his ontpolite enough to fix it for me. I guess, door cellar, provided he gets plenty of

-and, by gum, N'York's worth it!" Not at All Common.

"I should think the Spink girls would feel their disgrace. Their

propriated nearly a quarter of a mil-

lion."-Philadelphia Belletin. Language of the Hand. Yeast-A man can't always teh what's in your mind by the way you

Crimsonbeak-No; but he generfiring began. When the bombardment ally can size up the situation by the ceased, the men were exhausted and way you shake your fist.—Yonkers hot weather it gets past that stage

Love's Flame Turned to Ashes. The woman wept bitterly. "Once," she protested, "you talked

limits of the city of Lincoln lives "And now," sneered the man, "I am "Rainmaker" Wright. He is short of not permitted to smoke, ever in the

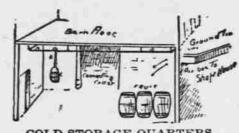


IMPROVED FRUIT CELLAR.

It Provides Cold Storage Quarters for All Kinds of Stuff at a Nominal Expense.

Convenience, large storage capacity and long keeping are all secured to a high degree by this up-to-date fruit cellar now in use by an extensive grower. It is part of a barn cellar, but has been separated by a stone and gases. Hydrogen, being lighter than cement wall from the part used for manure storage, and neither air nor temperature seem to be affected in least. The cellar is banked on must cause the two gases to mix and three sides, but has an entrance at ground level on the remaining side.

The walls are too well protected to make needful any extra precautions against freezing, even in a climate where the mercury occasionally goes 18 below. To secure coldness, besides



the civil war I one day noticed the dis- the common device of opening the persion of a small tornado which door at night and shutting in daytime, a new plan was successfully tried the past season. An air shaft a foot square extends underground to the farm mill and power house about 30 feet distant. of concussion in dispersing such At the further end of the shaft is a the best white board paper, and it has small ventilator, a manufactured affair, such as used for schools and offices. The ventilator is driven by a force air either in or out of the cellar, day she gathers the food and whe changing its temperature at short notice, and taking full advantage of back to rechew and manufacture into weather conditions.

The cellar is a large one with con- has gone with the man from Plym necting parts, and a great deal of outh Rock to the setting-sun; it was heavy work would be necessary but her sons that broke the first sod i for the handy barrel railway shown in the settler's clearing; it was her son the illustration. The track is hung that drew the prairie schooner for th from the ceiling by curved hooks sturdy pioneers, as inch by inch the which allow the trolley to pass. This | fought to prove that 'Westward the track is much like those used for large star of empire takes its way,' and the sliding doors. Suspended from the old cow grazed along behind; and when running wheel is a barrel carrier, the day's march was done she came and which is made on the principle of ice gave the milk to fill the mother' tongs, and may be had complete at | breast to feed the suckling babe tha large city hardware stores. Between | was, perchance, to become the future hook and track are two pulleys, one ruler of his country." fixed and the other movable, thus allowing the barrels to be easily raised or lowered. The whole affair is a great labor saver. This cellar keeps Signal Disc Attached to It Indicates WHEAT-No. 2 Red....... ples until late in the spring and the fruit is usually sold at good prices for the export trade.-J. D. Grey, in Farm and Home.

CABBAGES FOR WINTER.

They Can Be Kept in Any Way That Assures Circulation of Air and Low Temperature.

Where cabbages are to be kept in a small way for family use, they may be placed on the ground, heads down, and covered over with straw or stalks. The covering will keep them from freezing and they can be removed at any time during the winter. Cabbage should not be covered over with earth and should not, under any conditions, be the state for the purpose of bringing | put where free ventilation cannot be secured. The Country Gentleman has received the following advice from J. parties, and the chances are that Mr. S. Bull an experienced cabbage grow-

"In regard to storing cabbage, this is done in every conceivable way, from standing them on their heads on meadow lands or in woods without any covering, or sometimes a little straw or snow, to basements of barns and to quite elaborate storehouses. When stored on meadow or woods, in some instances they keep better and shrink less than in any other way, but they should be placed on sloping ground, so that the drainage will be good; and covering has to be watched so that they do or no ventilation that way, and some-

times they all rot. "In basements of barns bins are usually built like potato bins of slats, leaving about three inches opening between them, commencing about a foot above the ground, and another, say three feet This applies to regularly built storehouses as well as to old basements, but there is a space left about two feet wide all around between walls and bins, and cabbage is piled in carefully, not exceeding 21/2 feet deep in bins, so that there is plenty of air to circulate all around the bins. The bins may be made as wide as convenient to place cabbage

length if there is plenty of air. "There should be plenty of windows, and they should be kept open all the time when there is no danger of freezing-the best results being obtained If There Were More of His Kind Life peruture."

Look After the Hog's Swill, Sun-baked swill in filthy barrels; sue from the mouth of the funnel with father has been proved a common swill that is fermented into the sharpest acid and putrefied into a fit for the hogs. It is full of miasfeed it. Pleasantly soured swill, swill that is mildly acid is all right, "How would you like to have such but it should not be allowed to pass a neighbor?" he asked. that stage before it is fed; and in "I could not hope for a better," was rush of all kinds of work, and some patience, which is not surprising, but was perfectly characteristic.-D. W. for all that it will pay to give some thoughts to the pigs. It will not be regretted at their harvest time. Theo. Louis, in Farm, Stock and Home if there were no scrub dairymen.

TRIBUTE TO THE COW.

Pactical Live Stock Auctioneer Calls Her God's Greatest Animal Gift to Humanity.

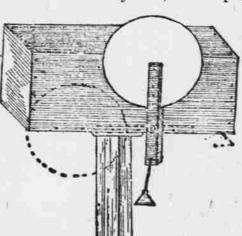
Col. Woods, the Ohio live stock auclioneer, grew eloquent in his introductory speech at a recent Shortman sale. He paid a glowing tribute to the cow as follows:

"Grand and noble brute! Of all God's animal gifts to man, she is the greatest. To her we owe the most. Examine into atl the different ramifications and channels of commerce into which she enters, and note the result should she be blotted out. Sunday stiliness would then pervade the great stock yard industries of our large cities and grass would grow in the streets. Seventy-five per cent. of the great freight trains that plow the sidetrack, for there would be nothing for them to do. Fully 50 per cent. of the laborers of America would draw no pay on Saturday night, and our tables would be bare of the greatest luxuries with which they are loaded. The continent from ocean to ocean would ries with which they are loaded. The great western plains that she has made to blossom, financially, like the rose, would revert to the Indian, from whence they came, and millions of prosperous homes would be destroyed.

"None other like the cow. There is not a thing from nose to tail but wha is utilized for man. We use her horn to comb our hair; her hair keeps th plaster on our walls; her skin is on a our feet and our horses' backs; he hoofs are made into glue; her tai makes soup; she gives our milk, ou cream, our cheese, our butter, and he flesh is the great meat of all nations Her blood is used to make our suga white; her bones when ground mak the greatest fertilizer; her paunch sh herself has put through the first chem ical process for the manufacture o been discovered that that paper is th most lasting material for the manufac ture of false teeth. No other anima works for man both day and night. B we are asleep at night she brings i all the things of which I speak. Sh

ROADSIDE MAIL BOX.

We who live in a hill country and are compelled to travel on very poor roads (with but little prospect for improvement) must probably be content to go to the cross-roads postoffice and get our own mail for several years to come. Neighbors can afraid they'd begin printing the truth then.' be of great benefit to one another in this respect if the proper arrangements are made. Some of my neighbors and myself carry one another's mail, and for their convenience as well as my own, I have put



ROADSIDE MAIL BOX.

up a mail box at the roadside, as shown in the illustration. One end of the box is left open to receive not get to warm, as there is little the mail. The round disc is a signal to denote there is mail in the box; it is held in its upright position by the weight attached to the lower end of the handle. Whoever brings the mail, puts it in the box and drops the weight which raises the signal, which can be seen from the house. above that, and so on up to the ceiling. When we get the mail out the weight is hung up on a nail driven in the side of the box near the bottom edge. This allows the signal to drop down by the side of the box as shown by dotted lines. Our box is made of roofing tin, except the bottom and end, which are wood. The signal should be painted a different color from that of the box to render in, say about four or five feet, and any it more easily seen.—E. E. Higgins in Ohio Farmer.

AN IDEAL NEIGHBOR.

Would Indeed Be a Pleasure and Joy.

A few years ago a friend of mine told the largest possible audience: "Not long ago," said he, "I was in

need of a small amount of money. The If the man pays I'll make enough for fresh air in and around his cabbage, simplest way to get it was to se'll a expenses while I'm here, and if I don't opening them up to the air every warm | cow, and sell her cheap. Meeting a -why, I sold three fat hogs last week day. All there is of the whole matter neighbor, I asked him if he wanted to is plenty of fresh air and a low tem- buy a good cow. It happened that he needed one, and went at once to see 'Bossy.' Satisfied with her and the price I named, he immediately paid for the cow and led her home. A few weeks later I met him on the street and he handed me a five-dollar bill, remark-"Nothing of the sort. Why, he ap- disgusting mass; swill that attracts ing that he owed that amount because myriads of carrion-loving flies, is not I had sold the cow too cheap. He did not care to profit by my necessity. ma and disease germs of various He was right. I had offered the ankinds and hence it is dangerous to imal for less than her real worth in order to make a quick sale."

my answer. very quickly. It is not easy to look "That is the man," said he, inclining after such things carefully in the his head in the direction of one of the most admirable men I ever met. cannot receive such suggestions with The story was absolutely true, yet Working, in Farm and Fireside."

Scrub stock would soon disappear

October at the Pan-American.

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STILL TALKING ABOUT IT.

Bryant, Mo., Oct. 7th .- The case of Mrs. M. A. Goss, continues to be the chief topic of conversation in this neighborhood. Mrs. Goss was a cripple for a long time with Sciatica, she was so bad she couldn't turn over in bed, and for four months she lay on one

She had tried every thing without getting any relief, till at last she heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. She is strong and well to-day, and has not a single ache or pain. Mrs. Goss says: "I don't know if

Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure anything else or not, but I do know they will cure Sciatica for they cured me, and there couldn't be a worse case than



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